Trends in Violent Deaths in the District of Columbia

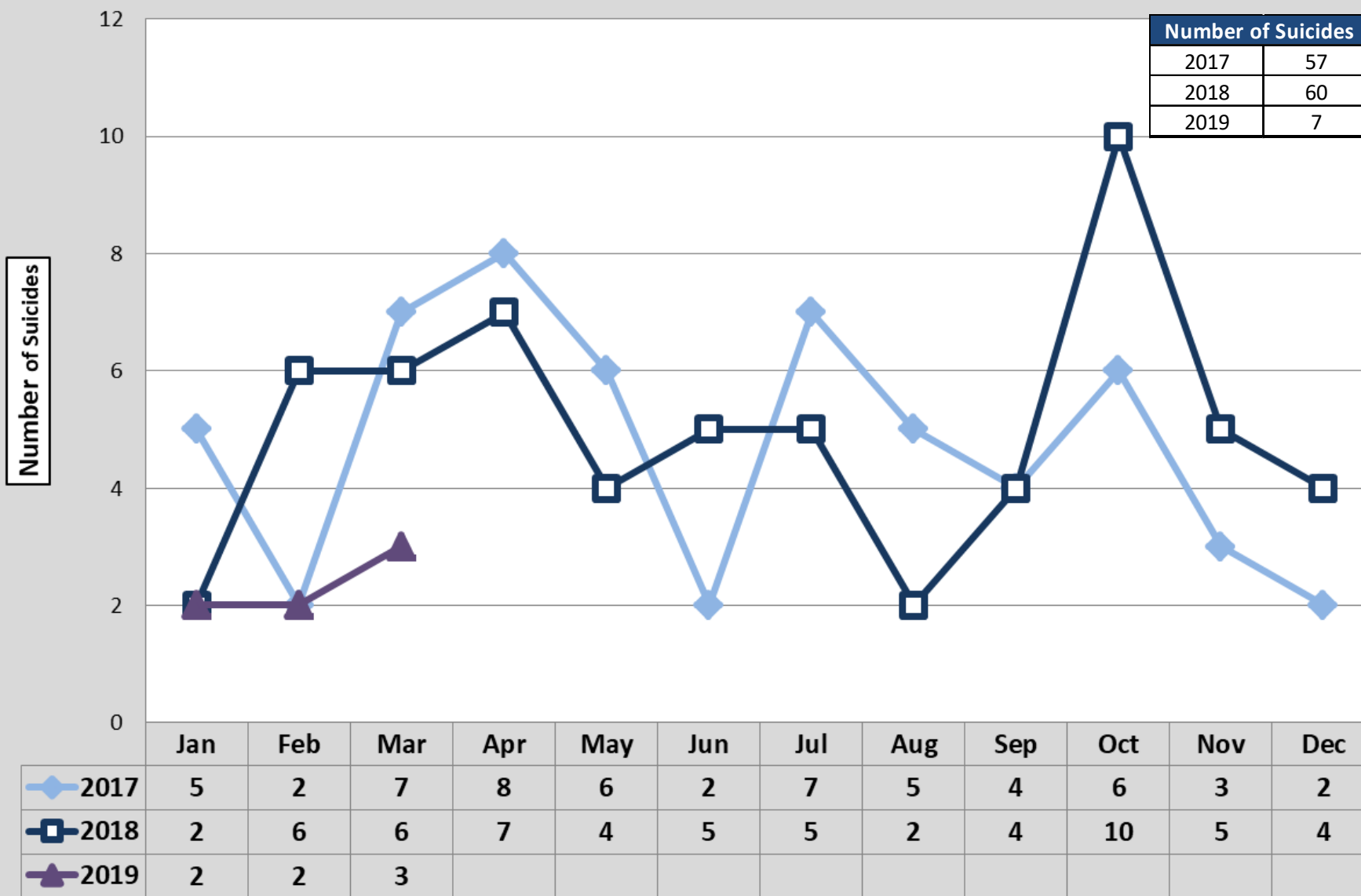## 2017 – 2019 (YTD)

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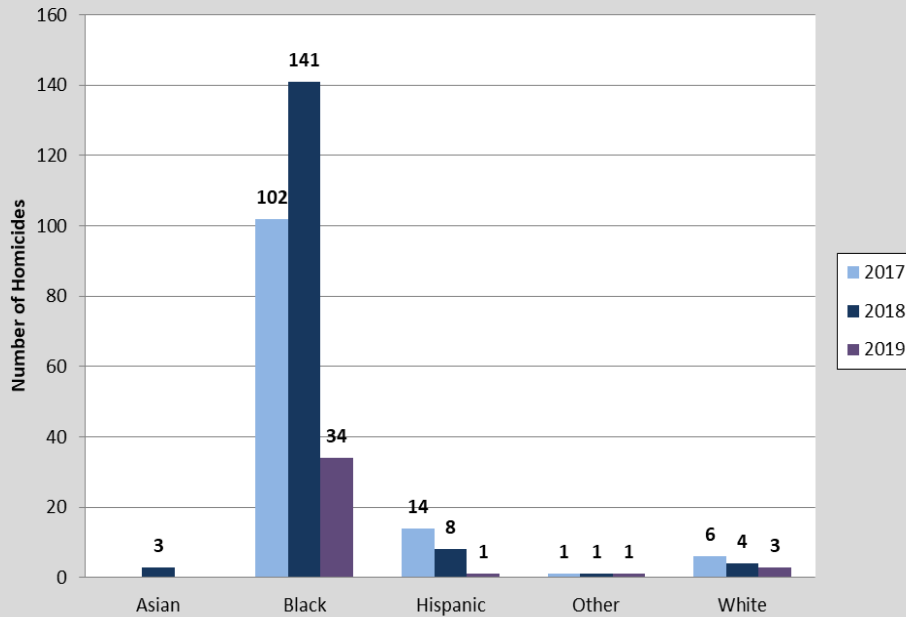
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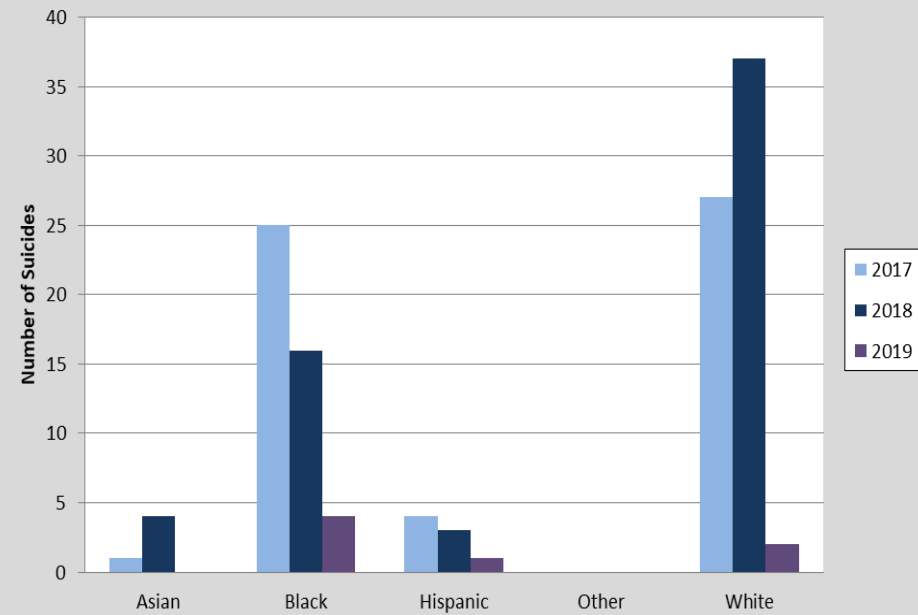
Number of Homicides	
2017	123
2018	157
2019	39

Number of Homicides (y-axis: 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	9	10	15	5	8	10	13	10	12	11	9	11
2018	9	5	14	15	19	12	18	6	19	18	10	12
2019	20	9	10									

Trends in Suicides from 2017 - 2019 (YTD)

Number of Suicides	
2017	57
2018	60
2019	7

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	5	2	7	8	6	2	7	5	4	6	3	2
2018	2	6	6	7	4	5	5	2	4	10	5	4
2019	2	2	3									

VIOLENT DEATHS BY RACE/ETHNICITY

VIOLENT DEATHS BY AGE

Homicides by Age Category

Number of Homicides

	<1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 to 15	16 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 to 79	80 to 89
2019	1	1	0	0	1	20	8	2	4	2	0	0
2018	2	2	3	2	11	70	28	21	11	5	2	0
2017	3	2	0	0	14	38	30	16	11	6	2	1

Suicides by Age Category

Number of Suicides

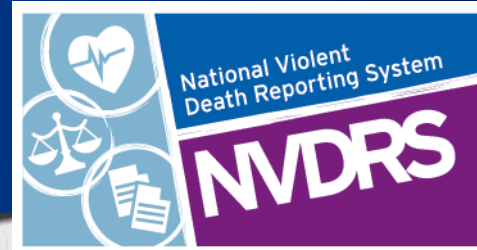|	<1	1 to 5	6 to 12	13 to 15	16 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 to 79	80 to 89
2019	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	1	0	4	10	15	7	11	7	4	1
2017	3	2	0	0	14	38	30	16	11	6	2	1
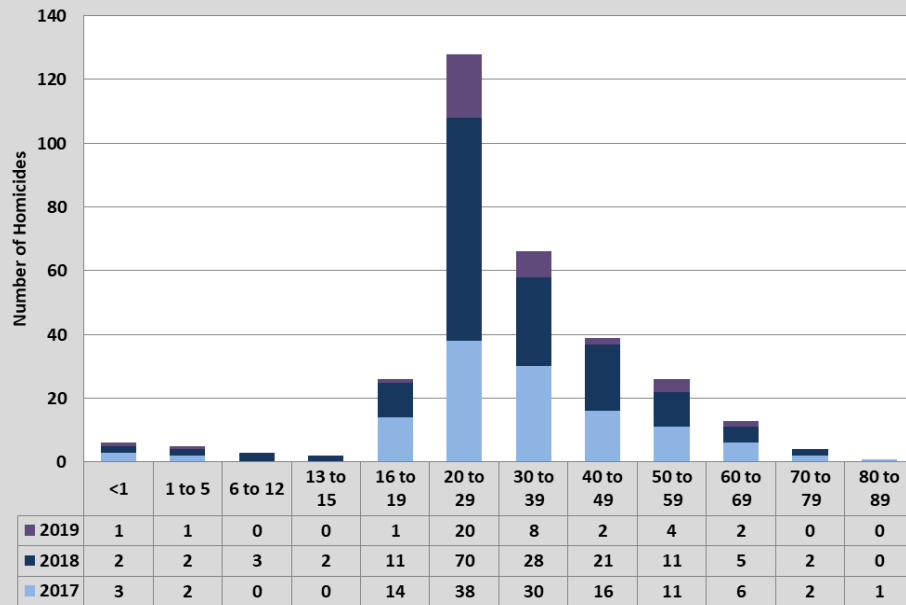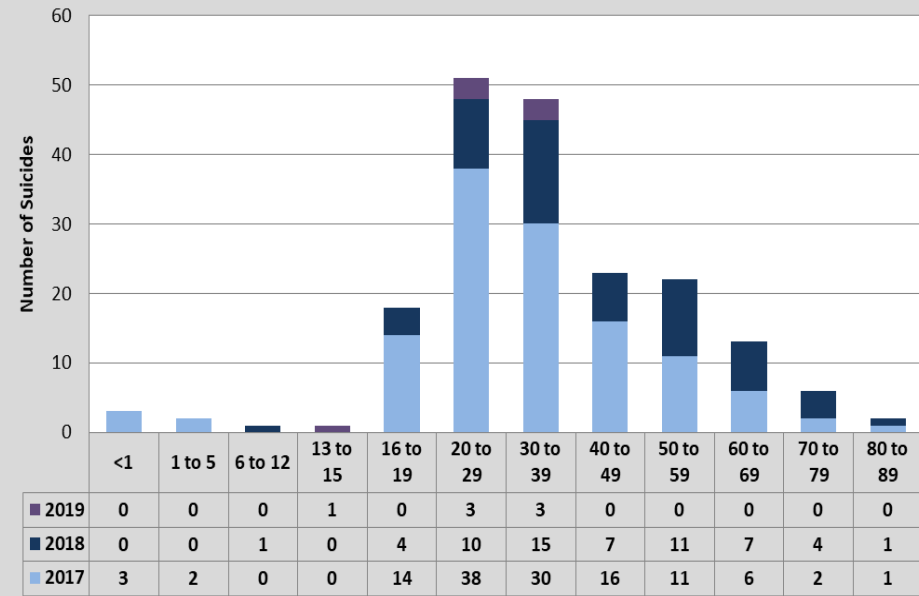
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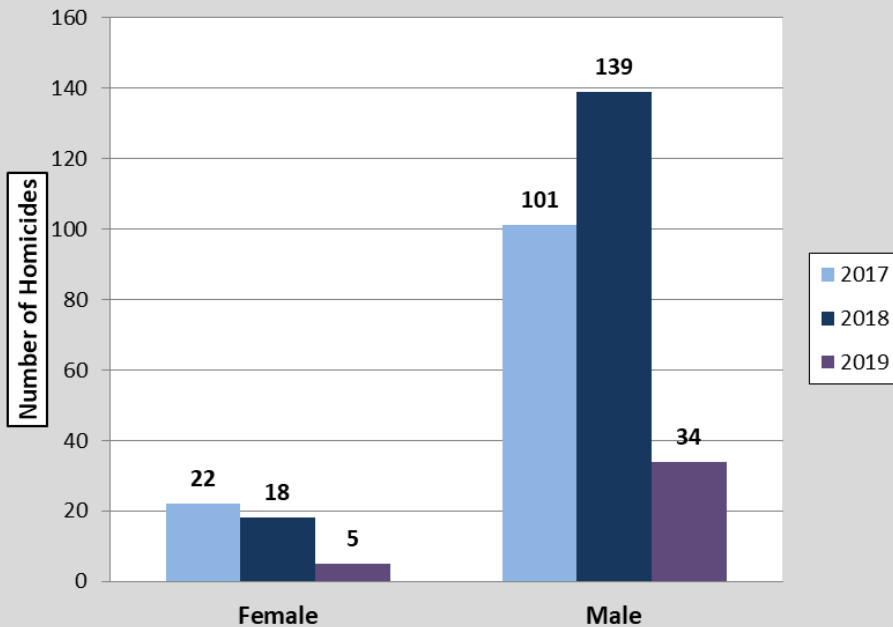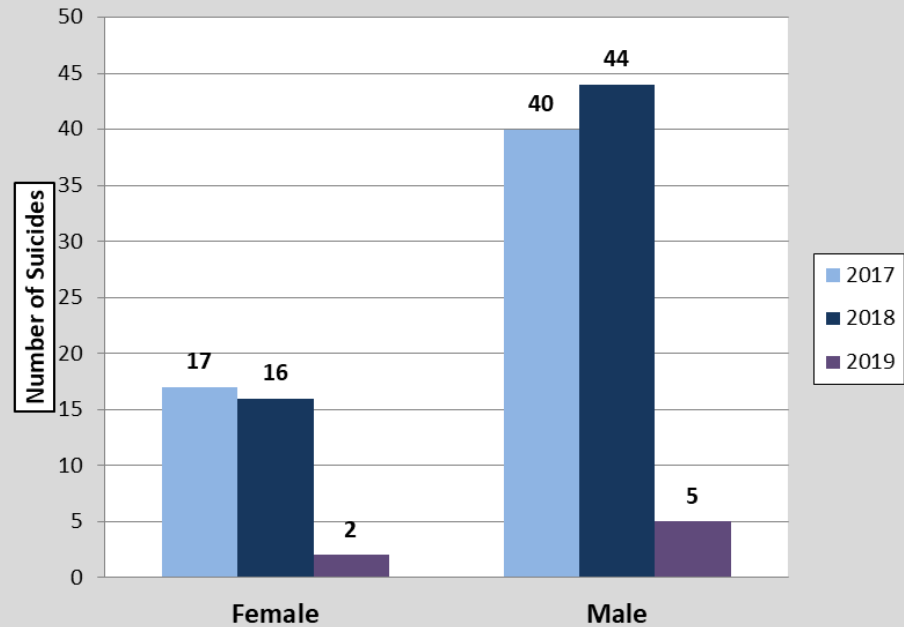
DC VDRS

- The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) currently functions as a public health surveillance system generated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

- The NVDRS records the who, what, when, where, why and how of violent fatal incidents for all 50 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.

- Because the system centers on the *incident* instead of the victim, data such as multiple homicides within a 24-hour period, homicides followed by the suicide of the suspect, and circumstances precipitating violent deaths can be collected.

- In 2016, the District of Columbia's Department of Health and the District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (DC OCME) were awarded CDC funds for a 5-year period to initiate the District of Columbia Violent Death Reporting System (DCVDRS) and began collecting data in 2017.

- The contribution of the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department (DC MPD) and DC Health as DCVDRS partnering agencies have been invaluable resources toward the efforts against DC violent deaths.

NVDRS SPANS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY
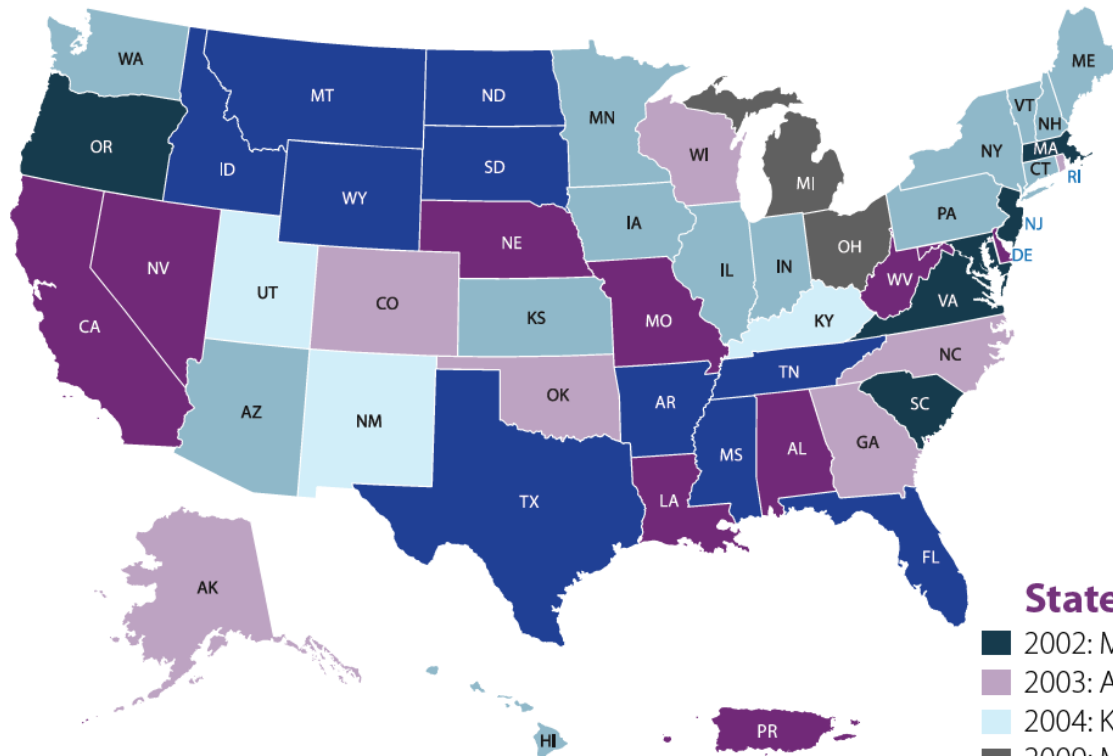
The Reach of NVDRS

NVDRS began collecting data on violent deaths from six states in 2002, followed by progressive additions to the system over several years. **In 2018, NVDRS was expanded to include data collection from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.** This expansion brings NVDRS closer to the goal of providing a complete picture of violent deaths across the nation

States added by year:

- 2002: MA, MD, NJ, OR, SC, VA
- 2003: AK, CO, GA, NC, OK, RI, WI
- 2004: KY, NM, UT
- 2009: MI, OH
- 2014: AZ, CT, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, ME, MN, NH, NY, PA, VT, WA
- 2016: AL, CA, DE, DC, LA, MO, NE, NV, Puerto Rico, WV
- 2018: AR, FL, ID, MS, MT, ND, SD, TN, TX, WY